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Applicant: Blackwell-Thompson et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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